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TNA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Jerry Williams

The year of 2001 has come and gone and it has been a real good year for Barbara and I. We did not have any major illness in the family. We were able to do some traveling and hope that in 2002 we can do more of it. We are in the process of selling our lake home, so that will take a little work off of me. Ha Ha! I sure won't miss all that grass cutting and those honey do jobs. I told you all I would keep you updated on the McFadden Estate. Last month, TNA received another check for $40,000. And there could be a little more to come yet. The TNA will put this money to good use for the betterment of the hobby. We are very thankful to receive this gift from Mrs. McFadden's Estate. Thanks again to Helen Snider for helping TNA receive this donation. The TNA governing board had the fall meeting in Austin last month. The meeting was three hours long so you know we took care of a lot of business. Now we are getting ready for our 44th annual show in Fort Worth, May 10,11 and 12 2002. I hope you will plan to attend this show so please put it on your calendars now. This show will be bigger and better than last year. Ginger and David Pike along with Gary Hill and many local volunteers are doing a great job. We'll have the book auction again so please go through your books and pull out the duplicates or any that you aren't interested in anymore and donate them to TNA. We'll also have a new TNA medal that will be for sale. You can attend the Educational Seminars, look at the exhibits, visit the supply store and grading service. The Bureau of Printing and Engraving will be in attendance also. There will be a large youth auction too. So make your plans to come. Bring your Mother's and wives, as it will be Mother's Day weekend again.

The Greater Houston Coin Club is having their show January 18, 19, and 20. They are working really hard to return this show to one of the best as it was for many years. Barbara and I plan to be there either at the TNA or ANA tables. My local clubs will have shows this year with the one in Orange on March 8 and 9, and the one in Beaumont, which is the four local clubs, September 21 and 22. Look at your TNA News and check the calendar events for the show nearest you.

For the Christmas holidays, Barbara and I made a trip to Hawaii. We had a wonderful time and a very different Christmas. We flew from Houston with over an eight-hour flight to Honolulu. We had a day and a half there to do some sightseeing before boarding the ship. We took a bus tour of the city and saw Pearl Harbor, Arizona Memorial, Iolani Place, the Punchbowl National Cemetery, Waikiki Beach, and many other things. We were on the 21st floor of our hotel and had a balcony that overlooked the city and the bay. Barbara didn't want to come in because of all the beautiful lights. I was in Honolulu in 1983 for the ANA convention, and Honolulu had about 500,000 residence. Now there is 980,000 and still growing. It is now the 11th largest city in the USA. Then we boarded the Crown Princess and sailed to Kauai where we

visited the Waimea Canyon and the Wailua River along with lots of other sights. Then that night we sailed to Maui where we met a long time friend, Greg Lauderdale. Greg is a coin dealer that many of you know. He moved from the Dallas area about 18 months ago and now lives in paradise. Greg showed us his favorite places to visit on that island. Barb calls it Greg's Island. Then he took us to Haliemle General Store for lunch and later that afternoon we visited a winery and had some of their pineapple wine. They have grape wine also but the pineapple is their specialty. Then we stopped at a little coffeehouse and had dessert and coffee. Before going back to the ship, we walked around Gahanna and Greg took me to the only coin shop on that island, the Island Coins and Stamps owned by Gordon Medcalf. He wrote the book on Hawaiian Money, which I purchased while there. This book includes tokens, scrip, medals and the Royal Orders of Hawaii and the historical background of Hawaii. I also purchased two silver medals while at Pearl Harbor that were minted at the Honolulu Mint. Several years ago, Barbara had purchased a gold medal of a Hawaiian Princess that was minted at the Honolulu Mint. So now that we are back home in this winter weather, I am eager to do some studying. Barbara says she's ready to go back where it's warm. The last island that we visited was the Big Island, Hilo. We went to the Volcanoes National Park and drove the Crater Rim Drive. We also went to see the Akaka Falls, The Black-Sand Beach and Mauna Loa Nut Factory. While in Hawaii we saw several spectacular rainbows. I have not seen rainbows like those in so many years. After leaving Hilo, we started our cruise across the Pacific. Princess treated us royally and fed us like kings. It was a grand Christmas for us and I hope each of you had a good Christmas also. Now we are looking forward to the New Year. Hopefully it will be a good year for all of us.

Well, it's time that I close this out. Hope I have not bored you too much with our travel. I would like to take time to say 'Thank you ' again to Greg for the delightful time we spent on his island! Till next time! Jerry

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A Few Words from the Editor

By Benny Bolin

Welcome to the new year! I hope your holiday season was great and exceeded what you wished for. Mine was great—celebrating with family and friends. Not as good as Ray's though! Although, I am going to do that almost same vacation two weeks after the TNA show!

As we enter into this new year, especially with the events of the last years, I hope you will make a very special resolution with me. Let's all resolve to make the major emphasis in our lives our family and friends. As we all re-learned on September 11, material items are just *things*, but family and friends are irreplaceable. Our society has placed so much emphasis on material wealth that we truly sometimes forget about family and friends until a tragic reminder happens. A true measure of one's wealth and legacy is his family and friends, not his material wealth.

Also, let's all resolve to do something this year to further the cause of our hobby. I know everyone's time is precious, but everyone can make a positive contribution. Make a presentation at your local coin club, do an exhibit at the TNA show or write an article for the TNA News. Each issue has two or three articles from our members in it. Keep them coming. BTW—I had a MAJOR computer meltdown earlier this month. I managed to recover almost everything. Two pieces I could not recover were a GREAT article on VAMs submitted by George Lacy and the Mid-Cities Coin Club report submitted by President Debbie Williams. To both of you my apologies.

The year 2002 will be again an action packed year for our hobby. We will see five more new quarters in the state quarter program. I am sure there will be more changes and commemoratives come up. And then there is the Euro. This edition of the TNA News is heavy with articles and information on the new Euro. I did not know much about it, but when Gary Hill and Mr. Lacy sent me their stuff on the Euro, I got curious and went searching. This is truly a fascinating thing to have happen. To think that two countries could agree on uniform money is amazing, but 12?!?! I included a lot of pictures and information on the euros. If you want more information, go to a great website—www.euro.ecb.int. It is full of information. To me, that is one of the great fun things about this hobby—having something arise and then going out and researching it and finding information and answers to questions. I encourage everyone to try it. With the internet, it is so easy now!

Remember, keep and treasure your family and friends and make time for your hobby in your very busy lives and you will be well rewarded.

If you want to submit something to me to publish, the deadlines for upcoming issues are:

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By: RAYMOND E. WHYBORN

Welcome to members #6360 – 6362. No objections were received and these applicants became members on January 1st.

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by: GERRY KAMMER

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Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
FTB—Money Market	35,000.00
First Texas Bank (FTB)	5,000.00
Clear Lake National Bank	
Youth Activities Fund	778.25
Coins for A's	1,755.25
Life Memberships	1,550.00
Memorial Library Fund-CLNB	707.58
Clear Lake National Bank Other	7,045.67
Total Clear Lake National Bank	11,836.75
Total Checking/Savings	51,836.75
Other Current Assets	
CLNB Money Market	40,025.75
CD#2 Clear Lake NB	10,920.04
CD-Clear Lake National Bank	13,186.30
CD-Life Membershlp-CLNB	14,811.59
Total Other Current Assets	78,943.68
Total Current Assets	130,780.43
TOTAL ASSETS	**130,780.43**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Fund Balance	50,053.56
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Submitted by: George Lacy

After the Thirteen Colonies won their independence from England, it quickly became apparent that they were only loosely united. Each state was very protective of its liberty, and one privilege each coveted was the right to regulate money. Every state established it's own exchange standards for the coins then in circulation, the most important of which was America's First Silver Dollar. The founding fathers knew the existing system was too cumbersome to facilitate trade between the states and the rest of the world. Two of the major questions they grappled with for the five years between 1782 and 1787 concerned who would have the right to regulate money, and just what form would that money take. Before the Constitution was adopted, whether or not the thirteen colonies would be able to form a united country remained to be seen. One of the stumbling blocks was Pounds or Dollars? In 1782 Congress assigned the task of coming up with monetary standards for the new nation to Robert Morris. He devised a plan so complicated that Thomas Jefferson, then a member of the House of Representatives, balked. Jefferson reasoned that America's First Silver Dollar had been circulating for years and the Morris system was far too complicated. Jefferson argued further that a decimal system based on America's First Silver Dollar should be adopted as the American standard. Two sides quickly formed: Those in favor of Morris' plan and those in favor of Jefferson's. They could not reach an agreement, and Congress passed no coinage legislation. During this period of indecision, each state continued to regulate the value of money within it's own borders, and with no restrictions on their monetary activities coming down from Congress, some even established their own mints and began to coin money. For four long years Congress continued to debate, but, by 1786, the problem of a monetary system still had not been solved. In 1786 a serious effort was made to resolve the issue. The debate raged for months. Should U.S. money be patterned after the Morris system, or should Jefferson's decimal system be adopted? With the Continental Congress in session in New York City, Jefferson's system finally won, likely due to it's simplicity and the fact that it was based on a coin, which by then had become familiar to every American. In 1786 Congress passed a bill establishing America's First Silver Dollar as the basis for a decimal coinage system. But those opposed to Jefferson's ideas still had a trick or two up their sleeves. In order for Jefferson's plan to be implemented, Congress would have to pass a law establishing a U.S. Mint, and this was not done. No mint, no coins. No coins, no money. If something wasn't done soon, there might never be any U.S. coins and if Congress couldn't wrest the authority to regulate coinage away from the states, there might never be a United States. As the elder statesman of the Continental Congress, Ben Franklin was the one man who could get the decimal system rolling There was a shortage of small coins at the time,

and as a result, one coin being minted in some of the states was a large copper penny. The size, weight and dimensions of the coins being produced didn't vary much from mint to mint. Even though the issue of the U.S. mint was still unresolved, in 1787 Congress purchased 300 tons of copper and contracted with a private mint in Connecticut to produce pennies. Those who had favored the Morris system agreed to the production of pennies, and since they were not establishing a mint, they perhaps felt they were not adopting Jefferson's system. Those who favored decimal coinage may have felt that since 100 pennies equaled the decimal system dollar, the production of this coin would literally put the Jeffersonian system into the pockets of Americans in every state. In order to avoid any more controversy, Congress turned to Benjamin Franklin, asking him to design a coin everyone could accept. Franklin went right to work designing the first coin of the United States of America. On one side of the coin he placed the word Fugio beside a sundial. Fugio in Latin means I Fly, and in conjunction with the sundial it implies "Time Flies." Franklin also put one of his favorite mottoes, "Mind Your Business" on this side of the coin. With the sun above the sundial, the effect of the design is rather artistic and coveys two of Franklin's favorite

aphorisms: Time Flies, so, Mind Your Business. On the other side of the coin Franklin decided to put a message for everyone in the new nation. Around the outside he placed thirteen entwined rings, one for each of the the thirteen states. In the center of the coin the words United States appear surrounding the slogan "We are one." Franklin's Fugio Cents were minted and immediately entered circulation. Later in 1787 Congress approved the Constitution of the United States of America and in 1788 the states ratified it, agreeing once and for all with Franklin's message: We Are One. By the time Washington was inaugurated as the nation's first president in 1789, Fugio cents were already in circulation in the United States of America. Congress didn't get around to establishing the United States Mint until 1792, but when they did, Jefferson's decimal system, already established in the thirteen states by Franklin's Fugio Cent, was the monetary system they adopted, and the one we continue to use to this day

THE EURO—THOUGHTS OF A DEALER

By: Gary Hill

It's a new year, and after the tragic events of 2001, I find myself reprioritizing relationships, finances, goals and travel and their importance as we all strive to move forward.

On that note, it can not be denied that with the advent of the Euro, this marks the biggest monetary switch in history and in my opinion something to look forward to. Jan 1st brought new coins and paper money to the streets of 12 Western European nations from Ireland to Greece. All but Britain, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark adopted the Euro and they have the option of joining in the future.

We all knew the Euro was coming as it has been an age of "electronic currency" since 1999. It was exciting to obtain Specimen sets of the 7 different notes to have for inventory and these have been very popular the last year.

As a traveler in Europe, you won't have to worry about several different currency exchange rates, carrying a calculator, using up money from one country before entering another, who will give you the best exchange rates and the expenses incurred in doing so. The ease of traveling will be a tremendous benefit. Other effects to travelers are the changes to guide and travel books, menus, vending machines, ATMs and even wallet sizes will need adjusting to fit the new currency. I, personally, would not want to work for a currency exchange company. Furthermore, my hat is off the European Central Bank who must have their hands full during this transition period with education, distribution and counterfeiting.

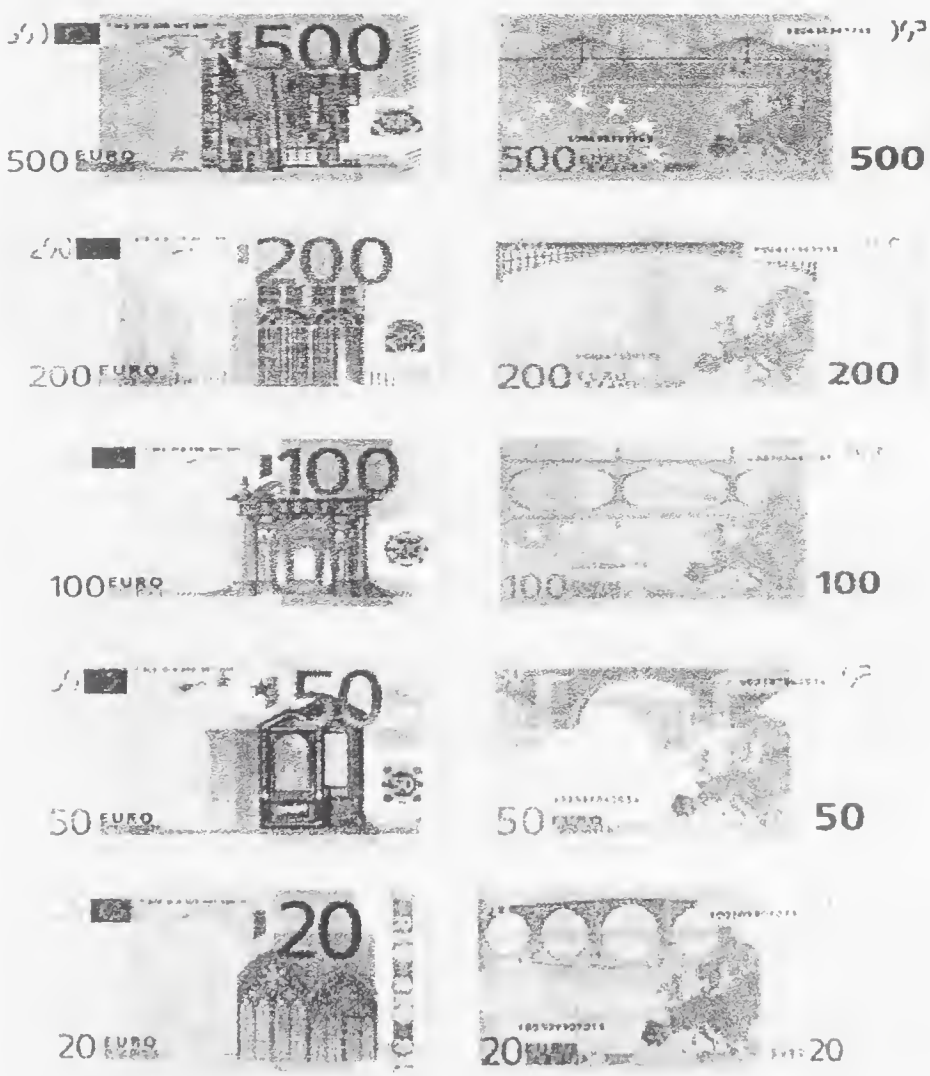
I am envisioning international dealers scrambling around their countries buying both paper and coinage to bring to the U.S. for other dealers to supply to their customers. The new paper Euro comes in 7 different denominations of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, and 500 Euro bills with each a different size and color. These are nationally neutral with drawings of nonexistent windows, gateways and bridges, with metaphors of communication within Europe and Europe with the rest of the world. The demand of collectors should be filled rapidly with those who have $800 (U.S. dollars) to obtain the 7 notes. This amount is based on the current exchange rate of: .90 Euro = 1 U.S. Dollar. Smaller denominations will bring a larger premium and should be in higher demand while larger denominations can probably be had at little premium above exchange.

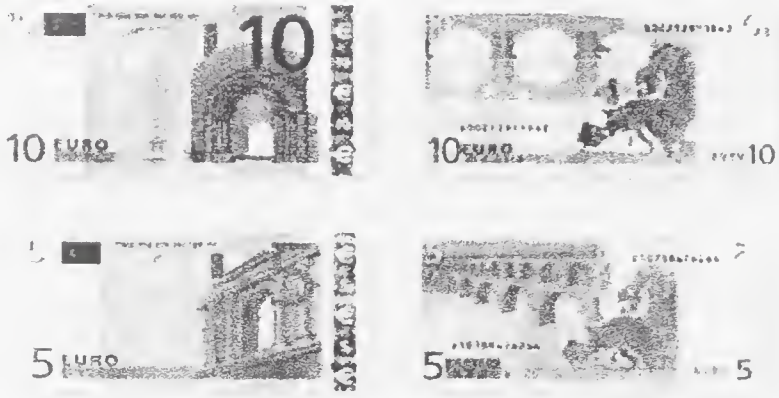
So, what about that exchangeable currency you have lying around. How long is it good? Generally speaking thru Feb. 2002, both the old and new currencies will be legal tender. After that, roughly through 2002, large U.S. banks and any European bank will swap out old paper for Euros. The "MRI Bankers Guide to Foreign Currency", also known as the "MRI", will be mandatory for some of us in the coin/paper money business. This is a quarterly publication that is expensive at $55 wholesale and $68 retail per publication but is well done. I noticed some French Francs I have can be

redeemed until Jan. 31, 2009. The "Monetary Research Institute" can be contacted by dialing: 713 - 827 - 8665 or 713 - 827 - 1796.

Up to now, my comments have been in regards to paper money, but I predict that collecting the Euro coinage should bring both challenge and fun for two reasons. First, each coin has a side that reflects its country of origin. Secondly, the coinage can presumably be obtained from financial institutions in each country or from dealers. With 8 different denominations, from 1 cent to 2 Euros - each issuing country having it's own version of the currency's eight coins - this will be 96 different coins that collectors and dealers will be looking for.

For 300 million Europeans, commerce between countries and travel will be easier and less expensive. For the collector of foreign coins, the quantity should be challenging and price will be affordable. Finally, for the foreign paper collector and dealer, I foresee that the older obsolete European notes should rise in demand rapidly, especially those with beautiful vignettes and colors like Spain, France and Portugal. Happy Hunting!



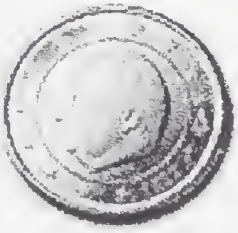


Common side of 1-50 cent and 1 & 2 Euros.

Country specific designs

Austria chose different designs for all denominations. They were of flowers, architecture or famous people in Austria's history. The two-cent shows the Edelweiss.

Belgium chose the same design for all denominations. It shows King Albert II.



Finland chose three designs. The 2 euros will have cloudberries and cloudberry flowers, the 1 Euro will have two flying swans and the 1-50 cent will have a heraldic lion (pictured).

France will have three different designs. The 1 & 2 euros will have a tree for life, continuing maturity and growth. The 10, 20 and 50-cent will have the sower (pictured) and the 1,2 and 5-cent will have a young Marianne.

Germany will have three designs. The 1 & 2 Euro will have a heraldic eagle; the 10-50-cent will have the Brandenburg Gate (pictured) and the 1-5-cent will have an oak twig like the old pfenning.

Greece will have separate designs for all denominations. The design for the 2-cent is shown and is a "Corvette," a type of ship used during the Greek War of Independence from 1821-1827.

Ireland has a common theme on all its' coins, the Celtic harp.

Italy chose a different design for each denomination. The 5-cent pictured here has the Flavius Amphitheater on it.

Luxembourg chose a common design for all its coins, that of His Royal Highness the Grand Duke Henri

The Netherlands chose two different poses/designs of Queen Beatrix for its' coins. The 1 & 2 Euro have a different design from the others that is pictured.

Portugal chose three designs as well. The 1 & 2 Euro will have the country's castles and coat of arms. The 10, 20 & 50-cent will have the royal seal from 1142 and the 1, 2 & 5-cent will have the seal from 1134

Spain also chose three designs. The 1 & 2 euros will have King Carlos I (pictured). The 10-50-cent will have Miguel de Cervantes and the 1-20-cent will have the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela.

Moment of Truth for Euro as Europe Returns to Work

Submitted by: George Lacy

Reuters Jan 1 2002 6:29PM ROME

Europe's new Euro notes and coins face their first major road test on Wednesday as businesses reopen following the New Year holiday and people start using the brightly colored money in earnest. The largest financial switchover in history got off to a remarkably smooth start on January 1, with no major glitches reported in the 12 European Union states that have abandoned their national coinage and adopted the common currency. But most major shops and businesses were closed on "e-day" itself, meaning some 300 million Europeans, from the Arctic Circle to the fringes of Africa, only get their first real chance to try out the new money on Wednesday. A planned strike by bank and post office staff in France, and a one-day stoppage by workers at Italy's central bank might snarl the Euro rollout in those two countries. Elsewhere, officials were confident that all would go according to plan. The appearance of the notes and coins on New Year's Day was the culmination of the EU's most ambitious project to date, giving Europeans tangible, everyday proof that they share more than just an accident of geography with their neighbors. Automated teller machines will provide only euros, and stores are expected to offer change in the new money, the death knell for such familiar currencies as Germany's Deutschemark, the French franc and Italian lira. Most of the 12 old national currencies -- from Ireland's punt, or pound, around since 1928, to Greece's drachma, with a history that goes back some 2,500 years -- will cease to exist by March.

In a mammoth logistical exercise, some 15 billion banknotes and 50 billion coins have been distributed for the launch and the European Commission reported on Tuesday that the complex changeover appeared to be going like clockwork. Politicians hope the Euro will stimulate trade and investment by eliminating foreign exchange costs. It is also expected to fuel competition and tame inflation by making it easier to compare prices across the continent. But whatever the economics, the Euro owes its conception to politics. France pushed a common currency plan in 1989 to bind wealthy old rival Germany into an unbreakable alliance as the fall of the Berlin Wall gave Germans a new dominance in Europe. The Euro was introduced on the financial markets in 1999, when the national currencies ceased to trade independently. But for many, the psychologically important moment was the appearance of the real cash. Enthusiasts queued in the early hours on Tuesday across the continent to withdraw notes from ATMs. Banks reported massive demand for the new money throughout the day. "Aren't they sweet!" said 23-year old student Alice Magnoni as she extracted her first fistful of red 10-euro notes, complete with shiny foil holograms, from a Rome bank. "It makes me feel that we are part of something bigger." Some Europeans had hoped that the Euro would gain global currency supremacy, but it has received a beating on the markets

over the past three years, falling from $1.1747 when it started trading in 1999 to around $0.90 at the end of 2001. Politicians believe the everyday use of euros will boost its worth as people around the world come into contact with it and accept that it is here to stay.
Wednesday's strikes in Italy and France could disrupt the Euro party, but officials in both countries expressed confidence that no major problems would arise. Bank unions in France have called a one-day stoppage over pay and security grievances, while staff at the Bank of Italy called a strike over slow contract renewal negotiations. While 12 EU states have adopted the Euro -- Germany, France, Italy, Austria, Portugal, Spain, Finland, Ireland, Greece, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg -- the currency has spread well beyond. European microstates such as Monaco and the Vatican have accepted it. So have Kosovo and other parts of the Balkans. European-held territories as far away as South America and the Pacific have also become members of the Euro club. In the EU itself, Britain, Denmark and Sweden have opted out. The purple, yellow, green, blue, red and orange Euro notes bear architectural designs of bridges and arches meant to symbolize European openness and cooperation. The coins bear national emblems on one side like Germany's landmark Brandenburg Gate and Belgium's King Albert, a map of Europe on the reverse. Worries that the appearance of the new currency could spark a crime wave proved largely unfounded. Police reported few problems except for a theft from a bank of 90,000 euros ($79,720) near the Spanish city of Zamora. ($1-1.129 Euro)

Euro Coins Specifications

There are 8 different Euro coins denominations. These are 2 and 1 euros, then 50, 20, 10, 5, 2 and 1 cents, one of each totals 3 88 Euro. They are currently being produced and stockpiled by the Central Banks of the Eurozone states, and will enter circulation on January 1st 2002. Within a few months, all previous national coins will be withdrawn.

Common Reverse Designs

Every Euro coin will carry a common European face. On the obverse (head) side, each Member State will decorate the coins with their own motifs. No matter which motif is on the coins they can be used anywhere inside the 12 Member States. For example, a French citizen will be able to buy a hot dog in Berlin using a Euro coin carrying the imprint of the King of Spain.

Design Selection Process

Each of the member states were invited to submit up to three series of designs for the common reverse designs. The designs had to fit into one of three themes, architectural and ornamental, aims and ideals of the European union, or European personalities. A total of 36 different design series were

submitted and considered. Nine of these were then put forward for opinion poll testing before the selection of the eventually successful design.

Design Symbolism

The common European face of the coins represents a map of the European Union against a background of transverse lines to which are attached the stars of the European flag. The 1, 2 and 5-cent coins put emphasis on Europe's place in the world while the 10, 20 and 50 present the Union as a gathering of nations. The 1 and 2 Euro coins depict Europe without frontiers. Final designs were agreed at the European Council meeting in Amsterdam in June 1997.

Designer

The designer of the Euro coin common reverse designs is Luc Luycx of the Belgian Royal Mint.

The Euro Symbol

The graphic symbol for the Euro looks like an E with two clearly marked, horizontal parallel lines across it. It was inspired by the Greek letter epsilon, in reference to the cradle of European civilization and to the first letter of the word 'Europe'. The parallel lines represent the stability of the Euro. The official abbreviation for the Euro is 'EUR'. It has been registered with the International Standards Organization (ISO), and will be used for all business, financial and commercial purposes, just as the terms 'FRF' (French franc), 'DEM' (Deutschmark), 'GBP' (pound sterling) and 'BEF' (Belgian franc) are used today.

The Twelve Euro Zone Members

12 Member States participating at the Euro from 1 January 1999:-

- Belgium
- Germany
- Spain
- France
- Greece
- Ireland
- Italy
- Luxembourg
- Netherlands / Holland
- Austria
- Portugal
- Finland

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Almost unnoticed 1818 Texas jola little-known Spanish Colonial

By Dan Freidus
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When we think of Colonial coins, most of what come to mind are coins made for or in the 13 Colonies that became the first 13 states in 1776. A small number of collectors also study and collect the coinage intended for France's North American territories. A small number also collect the coinage of Spain's new world empire built on the great silver mines of Mexico and South America. But few seem to know that there is a Spanish Colonial coin that was actually made in what is now the United States. That coin is the 1818 Texas jola of José Antonio de la Garza.

This little known copper coin first came to the notice of collectors with the 1903 publication of a line drawing in The Numismatist. But little was known about what it was or where it came from. Although at least a second specimen was discovered in the next half century, no information came to light until a hoard of 60 pieces was discovered during excavation in the San Antonio River in 1959.

A few more have been unearthed since, virtually all in or near San Antonio, Texas. Most seem have made their way into museums of the collections of Texas banks, so few of the 70 to 100 specimens are ever made available to collectors. The Numismatist published an excellent article by Frank Brown about these jolas in 1966. It wasn't even listed in the "Red Book" (R.S. Yeoman's *A GuideBook of United States Coins*) until 1980.

So what do we actually know about the origin of these coins? Some 190 years ago, what is now San Antonio was the town of San Fernando de Bexar. It was the capital of Texas (then a province of New Spain) during the 1810 to 1821 War of Independence. There was a shortage of small change, though larger silver coins were available thanks to the silver mines of Mexico.

Apparently community leaders prevailed upon the Governor of the Province, Lt. Col. Manuel Prado, in 1817 to authorize a local jeweler, Manuel Barrera, to coin 8,000 copper coins to facilitate commerce. A collector displayed a coin matching the description of what was authorized about a decade ago at an American Numismatic Society symposium.

But this piece hasn't been studied enough for a determination of its authenticity.

Antonio Martinez succeeded Prado as governor and military commander of the Province of Texas. In December of 1818, he granted the request of José Antonio de la Garza, the local postmaster, to mint 500 pesos worth of "small

change in copper coins called jolas, which shall circulate only through the town with values of one half of a real each." This amounts to 8,000 pieces authorized. In a town with a population of about 2,000 people, this could have had a significant impact on relieving the shortage of small change.

The petition, which was granted, also stated that "these shall be engraved with the first letters of my name and surname and the year of this date." This explains the entire obverse design with the date (1818), maker's initials (j.a.g.), and the denomination (1/2 for 1/2 real). De la Garza was also required to redeem Barerra's coins issued the previous year in exchange for his own. Perhaps this exchange was so successful that no Barrera jolas survived.

Unless the one purported Barrera jola is authenticated or others are discovered, the de la Garza jolas may remain the only coins made in what is now the United States, but under Spanish authority. It has been speculated that the star on the reverse was the inspiration for the "lone star" that became perhaps the best known symbol of Texas.

The de la Garza jola is rare and appeals to Colonial coin collectors, collectors of Mexican numismatics or Spanish Colonial issues, as well Texas numismatists no matter what their numismatic specialty. They rarely come on the market. When first listed in the "Red Book" in 1980, they were valued at $1,000 in Fine condition. In January of 1999, Stack's auctioned an Extremely Fine example for more than $15,000. We'll find out the current value of this rarity in January, when Heritage will offer during the Florida United Numismatists Convention sale an About Uncirculated specimen.

See Helen Snider in the TNA booth to place your bids in the TNA Book Auction

HOGGE MONEY

By Carlton Simmons, R-6240

Hogge Money or "Hog Money" refers to the first coins struck for the Bermuda islands, also known as the Bermoothes or the Hogge Islands. It was among the earliest coins to be minted for the colonies in the Americas in the early seventeenth century. The Bermuda Islands were named after Juan de Bermudez, a Spaniard, who first discovered the islands in the early fifteen hundreds. In 1515, on a subsequent trip to the islands, Captain Bermudez released some supplies and a number of hogs while preparing to make his landing. A sudden storm forced Captain Bermudez and his crew to set sail and abandon the hogs, some of which survived, and in time proliferated throughout the islands.

In 1593, a French warship was wrecked on the uncharted islands and its crew survived off of the wild hogs while repairing their ships to continue their voyage to Newfoundland. In 1609, an English ship, the Sea Adventurer left Plymouth, England with eight other ships destined for the Virginia plantation. On July 25th of that same year, as they neared their destination, the Sea Adventurer was separated from the rest of the fleet by a hurricane and three days later ended up in the Bermudas. The crew remained on the islands for several months while constructing two new ships and claimed the land for England. Their reports of lush vegetation and perfect climate eventually led to the formation of a company to colonize the islands. Again, the wild hogs served as a source of food for the shipwrecked crew of the Sea Adventurer. On May 10, 1610, the new ships were completed and the crew finally departed for Virginia. About a month later, Sir George Sommers, one of the original crewmembers returned to the islands and lived there until he died the following year. Shortly thereafter the islands were named the Sommer Islands.

In April, 1612, the colonists left England for their new home, which they called Sommers Island. The new colony did well, but soon realized there was a shortage of coin needed for small commercial transactions. At first, the colonists resorted to using tobacco as legal tender, as had been done in Virginia. Then on June 20, 1615, James I granted the plantation permission to produce coinage.

The governor of the islands, Richard Tucker, arranged for an English mint to produce the coinage. The coins were crudely fashioned from a low-grade brass with the intent of keeping them from being exported out of the islands. Their appearance was enhanced by a thin coating of silver, which did not hold up well in the salty Bermuda climate. The coins were undated and made in denominations of two, three, six and twelve pence or one-shilling pieces. The obverse showed a wild hog with the denomination in roman numerals above the animal and the legend "SOMMER ISLANDS" within two

circles of beads. The reverse displayed a fully rigged sailing ship, likely the Sea Adventurer, with a single circle of beads around the border and no legend.

Hogge Money was believed to have been struck in 1616 because of a document dated from that year which quoted the people as having said: "Besides meat, drink and clothes, they had for a time a certain kind of brass money with a hogge on one side in memory of the abundance of hogges that was found at their first landing." Hogge Money was not well received and went out of use by 1624. Oddly enough, though, the current Bermuda cent depicts a hog on its reverse.

Before the 1960's few Hogge coins were known to have existed. But, with the invention and widespread use of metal detectors, several Hogge coins have been uncovered in the soils of Bermuda, but most are in very poor condition. Coins with a silver trace are very rare and virtually impossible to find in choice, readable condition. Depending on their condition and rarity, Hogge Money specimens can range in price of $2000 for a more common 6 pence piece in poor condition to more than $25,000 for a less common 2 pence piece in fine condition. A one-shilling or 12 pence coin may range in price from $2000 for a very poor specimen to $10,000 for a very good specimen.

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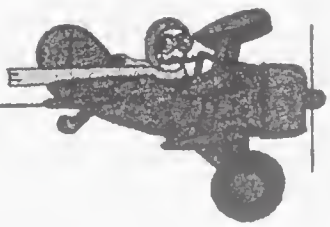


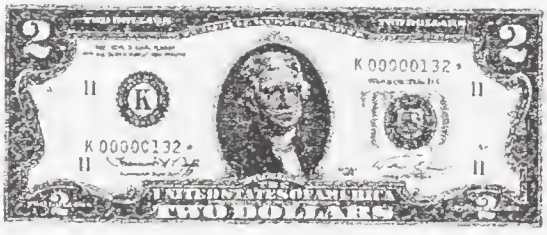
THE PAPER TRAIL

$2 Federal Reserve Note Potpourri

By Frank Clark

One of the most popular series of notes to collect is the small size $2 Federal Reserve Notes. There are two series for these notes, Series 1976 and Series 1995. I was looking at my collection and decided to share a few notes with you.

I want to discuss "star" notes first. These are notes that have a "hollow star" that replaces the suffix letter in the serial number. This star represents a "replacement" note that has replaced a damaged note in the printing process. "Star" notes are numbered independently of regular notes. There is no need to match up "star" note serial numbers with the serial number of the note it is replacing. Pictured are some low number $2 Series 1976 Federal Reserve Note star notes. They are both on the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, S/N



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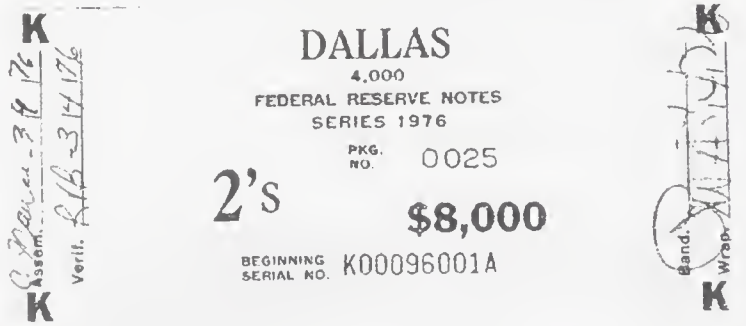
Also, it is possible to collect "label sets" in the $2 Federal Reserve Note series. A "label set" is the first and last note from a "brick" of 4,000 notes plus the label that tells you what Federal Reserve Bank the notes are on, the number of notes that are in the "brick", the denomination, total dollar amount and the package number. It also has lines for the Bureau of Engraving staff to sign and date as the assemblers, verifiers, banders and wrappers as well as the beginning serial number of the first note in the "brick". Realistically it is only possible to collect label sets since 1963 when the first small size $1 Federal Reserve Notes were introduced. There are very few labels and label sets in existence that pre-date 1963 or for other types of currency such as silver certificates, United States notes, etc.



Currency labels and their configuration have changed over the years Depending on the series you may have a front and end label, or just a front label; first and last serial number in the "brick" listed or just the first serial

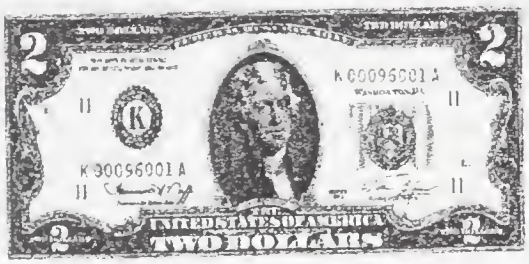
number or a combination of the above two main categories. These details are beyond the scope of this article. Today's labels are barcoded to enable scanning.

Series 1976 $2 Federal Reserve Notes have a front and end label with the first serial number in the "brick" listed. The front and end labels are identical except for the fact that BEP staff only sign the front label. End labels point outward. Each denomination's label is printed in a different color. Labels for $2 FRN's are printed in green. Shown here is a fancy number label set that is accompanied by a blue insert "NOTICE" tag to not issue the notes to the general public prior to April 13, 1976. This was the official release date and Thomas Jefferson's birthday. The "brick" was assembled and wrapped on March 4, 1976.

NOTICE

These $2 Federal Reserve Notes are *not* to be issued to the general public prior to April 13, 1976.

The "brick" is package number 0025 and begins with serial number K00096001A and ends with serial number K00100000A. It has the added bonus of note K00099999A being the penultimate note.



I am very fortunate to have added the notes that are discussed in this article to my collection over the years.

UNITED STATES COINS—*A "PRIMER"*

SEATED LIBERT HALF-DIMES

Both the Capped Bust and Seated Liberty designs were used for half dimes struck during 1837. The Act of Jan. 18, 1837 authorized the new Seated

Liberty design and also authorized a coin of the slightly lower weight of 20.625 grains struck of .900 fine silver. The diameter remained at 15.5 millimeters.

Stars and drapery were added to the design elements beginning in 1840, however this was not an indication of any further changes in weight or metal purity for the half dime. The Seated Liberty design would continue with some further minor design modifications through the end of the production of the denomination in favor of the nickel composition 5-cent coin of today in 1873. The nickel composition coin was introduced and circulated simultaneously with the half dime beginning in 1866 following the end of the Civil War.

Beginning in 1838 for the first time the half-dime was also struck at a U.S. branch Mint. Coins are available with an "O" Mintmark for the facility at New Orleans. The denomination was also struck at San Francisco beginning in 1863. Coins from this Mint carry the "S" mintmark. Mintmarks can be found either within or below the wreath on the reverse.

Seated Liberty half dimes of 1853 to 1855 display arrowheads at the date to indicate the coins were struck of the reduced weight of 1.24 grams (or 19.2 grains. Earlier half dimes have a weight of 1.34 grams.) of .900 fine silver. The arrowheads were dropped as a design element beginning in 1856 although no further weight change took place in the denomination.

Collectors should be aware that the drop in the silver content weight of the coin caused the public to hoard the earlier issues. This was true of all silver content denomination coins for which the weight was reduced As a result the Mint produced larger quantities of the coins with arrows at the date to replace the heavier coins quickly vanishing from circulation.

Mint Director James Ross Snowden's plan to transfer the legend "United States of America" from the reverse to the obverse of the coin resulted in what may be the strangest coins in U.S. coinage history in 1859 and 1860, rare varieties on which the name of the country is not displayed at all due to the muling of specific obverse and reverse dies during this transition.

The Seated Liberty half dime design was modified several times, notably in 1856, 1859 and 1860, however the basic design type did not change again until the demise of the denomination at the hands of congressional legislation that revamped our coinage system in 1873.

Perhaps the greatest design change during this final period of the half dime is the so-called "Cereal Wreath" reverse change of 1860 in which Mint designer James B. Longacre made modifications to the wreath surrounding the denomination.

Several things of importance should be noted about the later Seated Liberty half dimes. Proof coins began to be struck in significant numbers at Philadelphia beginning in 1860, often using the same dies as used to make business strikes.

The New Orleans Mint, which began striking half dimes with Mint marks in 1838, ceased production of this denomination and all other U.S. coins quickly after hostilities began during the Civil War and this Mint facility fell into Confederate hands.

The San Francisco Mint facility began striking half dimes with an "S" mintmark beginning in 1863. Half dimes between 1863 and 1870 all have low mintages.

The 1870-S Seated Liberty half dime, known from a single example, is one of the great mysteries of U.S. coinage. Six pair of obverse and reverse dies were shipped to the San Francisco Mint, according to Mint records, however this single coin is known today.

The year 1873was the final year for the half dime. Congress moved to revamp the entire coinage system, doing away with several denominations while paving the way for the nickel composition 5-cents coin to replace the half-dime once and for all.

COMING NEXT MONTH:
BUST DIMES

THE NEW STATE QUARTERS
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The new Tennessee quarters were scheduled to be released into circulation on January 2, 2002. The first quarter of 2002 has a design depicting a fiddle, representing the music of Appalachia, an acoustic guitar, representing county music, a trumpet, representing the blues style of music and sheet music. On a banner beneath is an inscription reading "MUSICAL HERITAGE." Three stars are also in the design representing Tennessee's three regions and the distinct musical style of each.

Tennessee governor Don Sundquist submitted three designs to the mint. One had a theme of women's suffrage since Tennessee was the final state to ratify the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. Another had the likeness of Sequoyah who developed the first alphabet for the Cherokee nation. The third was a variation of the one accepted, depicting the states musical heritage. All three designs were selected from nearly 1,000 that were submitted to the governor. A formal ceremony honoring the quarter was scheduled on January 14 in Nashville at the Country Music Hall of Fame.

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2002 TNA CONVENTION

News Release

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February 23 **San Antonio, Texas** **35 Tables**
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March 23-24 **Lubbock, TX** **100 Tables**
South Plains Coin Club, Inc. 42nd annual Coin and Sports Card Show. Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 6th St. Contact: South Plains Coin Club, Box 6326, Lubbock, TX 79493 or call Sharron Rice (806) 792-0428.

March 29-30 **Irving, TX** **72 Tables**
6th Annual Dallas-Mid Cities Coin Show. NEW LOCATION--DFW Airport Marriott Hotel. 8440 Freeport Parkway off of Highway 114 Irving, TX. Admittance & Parking: FREE. Hourly Door Prizes, and Raffle for Gold Coins! Hours: FRI - 9am-6pm. SAT - 9am-5pm. Tables from $150 - $310. Contact: Jim Fitzgerald, Bourse Chairman. P.O. Box 163302 Fort Worth, TX 76161 817-847-5205. Email--jamesfitz@prodigy.net

April 6 **Austin, TX** **30 Tables**
Central Texas Coin and Collectable Show; Austin Chariot Inn, 7300 N. IH-35 at Hwy 183, Exit 240A. Contact Francis Smith--(512)448-6372, E-mail fpsmith@swbell.net

April 6 **McKinney, TX** **38 Tables**
Semi-Annual Coin Show, sponsored by the Collin County Coin Club. Holiday Inn, 1300 N. Central Expy (Hwy 75N, exit 40B). A: :free, tables @ $40 & $50. Contact: Gary Rollins, Box 744, McKinney, TX 75070-0744. Phone: (972) 727-1566.

May 10-12 **Ft. Worth , Texas** **175 Tables**
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July 12-13 **Austin, TX** **30Tables**
30th Annual Coin Show sponsored by the Capital City Coin Club Austin Chariot Inn, 7300 N. IH-35 at Hwy 183, Exit 240A. Contact Bryan Jones (512) 339-2923.

July 26-28 **Bossier City, LA** **100 Tables**
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August 3 **Sherman, TX** **32 Tables**
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August 24 **San Antonio, Texas** **57+ tables**
Summer Alamo Coin Show, sponsored by the Alamo Coin Club. Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd. at Loop 1604, just off I-35 north. Open 9:30AM-5:30 PM, with seminars at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM, Children's Auction at 2:30 PM. Free admission, parking, hourly door prizes. Tables $95. Contact: Harold Eiserloh, Box 100714, San Antonio, TX 78201-8714. (210)341-6587. E-mail: eiserlohsat@juno.com.

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Nov. 22-24 **Grapevine, TX** **74 Tables**
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TEXAS HAPPENINGS

DISTRICT I

Mid-Cities Coin Club (Club newsletter)

The November meeting of the Mid-Cities Coin Club had 29 members present. After officer reports, nominations for new officers were given and elections held. They are President—Debbie Williams, VP—Bob Millard, Treasurer—Mike Ross, Secretary—Warren Street and Auction/Raffle—Jim Fitzgerald. The program for the night was given by Jeff Cecil on silver three-cent pieces. Door prizes and a raffle ended the meeting .

The December meeting had 49 members and guests present. The meeting was the annual club Christmas party. After officer reports, a number of appreciation letters and awards were bestowed upon deserving members. The program was the usual bingo game. A great meal of turkey, ham, brisket and trimmings was enjoyed by all present.

DISTRICT IV

Capital City Coin Club (Internet Report)

The Capital City Coin Club held its annual Christmas Dinner at the newly remodeled Hill's Cafe in Austin on Thursday December 13, 2001. There were 31 members and guests present. Those attending enjoyed an excellent steak, chicken fried steak, or Bar-B-Q dinner with salad and dessert. In keeping with tradition, the past years officers were presented with a Mexican two peso gold coin. The 2001 officers were Francis Smith-President, Robert Camp-Vice President, Sylvia Chase-Meadows-Secretary/Treasurer, and Bryan Jones- Bourse Chairman. These same officers will preside in 2002. Before the festivities began the club held a moment of silence for everyone less fortunate and affected by the September 11 terrorist attacks. The club sponsored two successful coin shows this past year. For the second year, the club donated $100.00 to the local Brown Santa in conjunction with the Travis County Sheriffs Department to help needy children at Christmas. The dinner concluded with the door prize drawings purchased from McBrides Coins in Austin. May 2002 be good to everyone.

Francis Smith-Club President

Williamson County Coin Club (Internet Report)

The Jan 3, 2002 meeting of the Williamson County Coin Club was called to order by president Kammer with 14 members present. This months short-snorter was a 1994 5 Rubeli note (km 17) of Transdniestria (a Russian providence). While the min were being read the dues were being collected. The min of Nov were approved with 2 corrections; (a) the current sec would

stay on with a backup and (b) the 1836 Texas "note" should be Texas "warrant." There was no meeting in Dec due to the Christmas dinner at the Coupland Inn. The treasurer's report was given and the door prize chairman was reimbursed. The first order of business was our show schedule for Jan. At this time Rod commented about the cramped Austin show and a discussion followed about the lack of affordable space to hold a show. On to Show And Tell ... Jeffrey led off with 2 coins from Lorriane - Teston of 1627 & a possible 3 Tornesi of 1648. Steve passed around 2 sets of U.S. gold coins from the early 20th century. Ike had a 2000 Forint note from Hungary dated 2000 for the millennium with a special embossed strip. He also passed around a coin commemorating 150 years of Hungarian revolution. Marvin showed off some Mexican revolution notes & a note believed to be from the Maldive Islands. Roger presented a notebook that he bought that had an article about Olney, Texas and its' use of rabbit tails as money during the depression. He also showed a copy of the SPMC journal, Paper Money, which had a great article on short snorters. Palmer passed around a Tetradrachm (Owl) from Athens 134-133 BC. He also had a Somali Rep coin with an African monkey on it. His 3rd item was a $10 note from Titus County (1865). Bruce showed off a couple of books - one was coins of Palestine & South Arabia and the second was a seldom seen book on U.S. numismatics by Elvira & Vladimir Clain-Stefanelli. Don passed around a transportation token from Minneapolis MN which depicted a beautiful trolley car scene. Gerry had put-together set of Mexican coins from the 1950's as well as the mint produced 1986 "footbol" world cup set.

Jeffrey Jon Meyer - Sec

DISTRICT V

Dallas Coin Club (Club Newsletter)

The October meeting of the Dallas Coin Club had 15 members and one guest (who subsequently became member #744) present. Mike Grant gave an update on the combined club show scheduled for March and TNA Governor Hal Cherry updated the club on the Texas Quarter design contest. The club voted to amend the by-laws to divide the secretary/treasurers job into two separate offices. A call for interested person for officers for next year was placed. Officer elections will be held at the November meeting. Hal Cherry gave the program on replicas and reproductions of paper money. Door prizes, a raffle and an auction ended the meeting.

The November meeting had 11members and one guest present. Business at the meeting included the distribution of the newly amended by-laws and discussion of the clubs Christmas party. Officer elections were held. Mike Grant will serve as president, Stewart Huckaby will be VP, Hal Cherry secretary and Lawrence Herrera will be treasurer. Stewart Huckaby was awarded the best program of the year for his presentation of coin trivia. Glenn Woods gave the program on numismatic literature. A short auction followed door prizes and a raffle.

The December meeting had many members and guests present. It was the club's annual Christmas party. After the new officers were sworn in, the club had a white-elephant auction, played bingo and enjoyed a great meal.

DISTRICT VI

Bellaire Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The November 5 meeting of the Bellaire Coin Club began with a reminder of upcoming coin shows and details of the Christmas party. A discussion of the National Coin Week Show was held. It is tentatively scheduled for April 20 or 27. The program for the night was a member show and tell. Tim Conway won the show and tell prize.

The November 19 meeting began with a reminder of the upcoming Pasadena coin show and the club Christmas party. The club's show has been confirmed for April 27-28. Russell Longmire presented the program on Emperors on Roman Coins.

The December 3 meeting began with a discussion/reminder of the club Christmas party. The program for the night was given by James Turpin on Comparing Proof Coins to Proof-Like Coins."

The December 17 meeting began with a discussion of how successful the Christmas party was. After a discussion of grading services and which to use for certain items, the club held a show and tell as the program. Ron Sjoberg won the show and tell prize.

The Bellaire Coin Club meets at 6:30PM on the first and third Monday of the month at the Bellaire Public Library, 5111 Jasmine.

Greater Houston Coin Club (*Double Shift*—Club Newsletter)

The October meeting of the Greater Houston Coin Club had 16 members and one guest present. A discussion of the details of the upcoming show was held. After a discussion of the Christmas party, door prizes and the coin of the month were awarded. A 46-lot auction ended the meeting.

The November meeting had 20 members and one guest present. Announcements of upcoming member's surgeries, illnesses and passing were given. We wish all well. An update on the club show was given as was an update on the Christmas party. Carl Schwenker presented the program n V-nickels. Attention to the series has grown since the announcement that the Manley specimen of the 1913 V-nickel will be on display at the club show.

DISTRICT VII

Alamo Coin Club, (*"Alamo Coin Clips"*-- Club Newsletter)

The November 22 meeting of the Alamo Coin Club had 26 members and two visitors present. A member roundtable was held with many interesting numismatic items shown, including a two reverse half dollar, tokens, a gold plated 1883 "no-cents" nickel, foreign coins and a Brazilian coin spoon. A report on the club show was given. Raffle winners were

awarded prizes before the program which was on Washington quarters, before the state quarter program.

The December meeting was the club Christmas party. 36 members and guests attended. Before the meal, the members did a gift game with the most stolen gifts being a 1962 proof set, a new Photograde and a Roman silver Antoninianus.

The Alamo Coin Club meets at 7PM every second and fourth Thursday at the Maverick Café, San Pedro at Oblate in San Antonio.

Gateway Coin Club, *("The Gatepost"--* Club Newsletter)

The September 6 meeting of the Gateway Coin Club had 24 members and two visitors present. The current slate of officers were elected to another year term. A members roundtable was held with many items being shown, including a 1932 gold Gulden from the Netherlands, other foreign coins, medals and tokens, paper money and a commemorative Russian banknote. The raffle and an auction closed the meeting.

The September 20 meeting had 30 members and six guests attend. The 39th Anniversary Banquet and Installation of Officers ceremony were conducted during the meeting. After dinner and dessert, the members roundtable was held showing medals, a Texas commemorative half-dollar, tokens and a pad of novelty $1,000 bills. President Frank Galindo honored many club members with well-deserved awards and certificates of appreciation. Robert Hewitt received the "Presidential Taz Award" for his support to the club. A mini-auction ended the meeting.

The October 4, meeting had 31 members and two guest present. The member roundtable was most informative and had many items shown, including a wooden nickel, foreign coins and currency and an interesting Roman colonial bronze coin. A raffle and mini-auction concluded.

The October 18 meeting had 20 members and two guests present. A very large and spirited roundtable saw many items shown, including a 1961 Dakota Territory Centennial Medal, a spoon made of 1892 South African shillings and medals commemorating the sinking of the Lusitania and the Apollo 11 mission. A raffle and mini-auction concluded the meeting.

DISTRICT IX

South Plains Coin Club, (Internet Report)

There were 27 present for the Nov. 5th meeting of the South Plains Coin Club. Club President, Sharron Rice reminded everyone to make reservations for our Charity Auction and Christmas party to be held Dec. 3rd. Please bring your donated items early so they can be cataloged. Sharron brought up several items that were discussed by the board of directors that needed to be voted on by the club members. The first item up for vote was to raise table fees by $5.00 for the 2003 show. The next item up for vote was term limits of 3 years for club officers. The last item up for vote was that the board of governors would pick 4 charities for out Christmas Auction for

members to vote on. All three items were voted on and passed. Lamonte Pitzer gave a TNA report and James Golden gave a program on several stories from Ed Rochette's book "The other side of the coin".

The Dec. 3rd. meeting of the South Plains Coin Club convened at 6:30 p.m. with 61 members and guests present. This was our Annual Christmas Party and Charity Auction. After the invocation by Rod Shaw everyone enjoyed a meal of Turkey, Ham, or Fried Chicken with all the trimmings. After the great meal catered by Danny's Hens and Fins, club president Sharron Rice presented awards to those who gave a program during the year. James Golden was voted member of the year and was presented with an award. Sharron started the auction assisted by Lena Golden and Jerry Eastam. There was 185 lots sold and record amount of $ 3340.00 was raised for our designated charities. Sharron thanked the donors and bidders for their participation. Ken Wendling won the grand door prize.

E. L. Pitzer TNA Gov. # 9

DISTRICT X

International Coin Club of El Paso (Club Newsletter)

The November 1 meeting of the International Coin Club of El Paso had 38 members and two guests present. Minutes were read and corrected and the treasurers report given. A report on the upcoming show was also given. It was decided to have the Christmas party on December 14. Jim Thomas gave the club an update on the latest numismatic news. Drawings for prizes and an auction closed out the meeting.

The November 15 meeting had 26 members present. After the minutes and an update on the Christmas party was given, the club discussed the auction rules and procedures. At the December meeting, the club will discuss raising the due to $15/yr. A raffle ended the meeting.

The December 6 meeting had 40 members present. Minutes were read and approved. The editor of the club newsletter will be able to publish it monthly and ads will be sold. The club voted to increase dues to $15/yr. After a discussion of the show, a raffle ended the meeting.

DISTRICT XIII

Greenbelt Coin Club (Internet Report)

The Greenbelt Coin Club of Vernon held its regular monthly meeting on 12 November. Vice President Les Outz presided in the absence of President Dan Massaro. Club members were invited to attend the joint Christmas Party to be held by the Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club and the Texoma Stamp Club on 13 December. The members decided to forego a regular meeting in December in favor of the Christmas Party. Les Outz was also the speaker for the evening. He presented a very interesting program on "Mottoes on U.S. Coinage". The 2-Cent piece was the first to bear the motto "In God We Trust", and it did not appear on paper money until 1957. This was apparently Les Outz night, as Les also won the door prize.

Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club (Internet Report)

The regular monthly meeting was held on 15 November. There were fourteen regular members present, but no juniors. Gene Wheeler presented the program for the evening. Ben Hicks and Ray Whyborn were winners of the door prizes. George Woodburn won the attendance prize. "Robbie" Robinson conducted a 20-lot auction. The club has invited the Texoma Stamp Club and the Greenbelt Coin Club to join in the fun at the Christmas Party on 13 December. **There were 21 attendees at the Christmas Party. Good food and great fun were enjoyed by all!**

Submitted by Mary Jane Whyborn, Governor District 13

District XV

Beaumont Coin Club (Club Newsletter)

The October meeting of the Beaumont Coin Club had 12 members present. A slate of officers was presented to be voted on at the November meeting. A report on the recent club show and the club Christmas party was given. Yvonne Duren presented the program on "Topless Quarter" after which a short auction closed the meeting.

The November meeting had 11 members present. Minutes and the treasurer's report were approved. The presented slate of officers was unanimously approved. The are George Fortune—President, Judy Matherne—VP, Yvonne Duren—Secretary and Barbara Williams-Treasurer.

Greater Port Arthur Coin Club (**Dollars and Cents**--Club Newsletter)

The November meeting of the GPACC had 14 members present. A discussion of the club Christmas party was held. The club voted to raise dues to $12/yr. New officers for 2002 will be Joseph Scott-Pres, Shirley Pearson-VP, Carlton Simmons-secretary and webmaster and Morgan Alleman—treas. The program was given by Betty and Joseph on their recent trip to England.

The December meeting was the club Christmas party. There were 21 members and 5 guests present. There was no business meeting, only food, fun, prizes and awards.

The Greater Port Arthur Coin Club meets the first Thursday of the month at 7PM in the Jefferson County Clinic Building on Viterbo Road, adjacent to the airport.

Silsbee Coin Club (Club newsletter)

The October of the Silsbee Coin Club had ten members present. An update on the club Christmas party was given. A slate of potential officers for 2002 will be presented at the November meeting. A report on the club show was given. Emery Ledoux gave the program on the Kennycott Copper Mine in Utah. Door prizes and an auction closed the meeting.

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